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President's New Term Time for Accountability - HRW

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and key international actors should take steps to bring accountability for Sri Lanka's grave human rights violations so that the thousands of victims will not continue to be denied justice during President Mahinda Rajapaksa's second term, Human Rights Watch said today.

The human rights situation in Sri Lanka deteriorated markedly during Rajapaksa's first term, and he failed to hold perpetrators accountable. During the final months of the 26-year-long war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which ended with the defeat of the LTTE in May 2009, both government and LTTE forces committed numerous serious violations of international humanitarian law, in which more than 7,000 civilians died in what the UN called a "bloodbath."

"The human rights situation in Sri Lanka plummeted to new depths on Rajapaksa's watch," said Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "The president deftly played a false conflict between rights and the fight against terrorism in his first term. But with the war over, the UN and other international actors should loudly insist on justice for victims." Rajapaksa was elected to a second term on January 26, 2010, in a hotly contested election in which his former army chief, retired Gen. Sarath Fonseka, was the runner-up. Although election day was relatively peaceful, according to election monitors, the campaign was marked by hundreds of incidents of violence in which at least four people were killed.

During and after the war, Rajapaksa's government confined nearly 300,000 internally displaced persons to large detention camps, where they were deprived of their liberty and freedom of movement in violation of international law. The government has separated more than 11,000 LTTE suspects from their families at checkpoints and in the camps, denying them due process, such as right to legal counsel and the right to have a court review their detention. Threats and attacks against outspoken and critical civil society figures increased, and the government used anti-terror laws and emergency regulations against peaceful critics, further diminishing the space for public debate. The hostile, sometimes deadly, media environment drove dozens of journalists into exile.

Enforced disappearances and abductions, a longstanding and widespread problem in Sri Lanka, sharply increased in 2006, when military operations between the government and the LTTE intensified following the collapse of the 2002 ceasefire. In 2006 and 2007, the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances recorded more new "disappearance" cases from Sri Lanka than from any other country in the world. Politically motivated killings during Rajapaksa's first term also remain unresolved, including the extrajudicial executions of five students in Trincomalee in January 2006 and of 17 aid workers with Action Contre la Faim in Mutur in August 2006. Rajapaksa took no effective steps to bring accountability for human rights violations, Human Rights Watch said. In July 2009, Rajapaksa disbanded, before it could complete its work, a presidential commission of inquiry created in 2006 to investigate 16 cases of grave human rights violations. In April 2008, the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons (IIGEP) had withdrawn from monitoring the commission because it had "not been able to conclude ... that the proceedings of the Commission have been transparent or have satisfied basic international norms and standards."

The vast majority of the hundreds of new "disappearances" and politically motivated killings from the past few years have never been seriously investigated, and none of the perpetrators have been punished.

In May 2009 Rajapaksa promised Ban that the Sri Lankan government would investigate allegations of human rights and laws-of-war violations during the war's final months. No such investigation has taken place. Instead, the government has set up a team of lawyers to respond to allegations about rights violations in reports by the US State Department and the UN special envoy on extrajudicial executions.

Because of the government's failure to investigate serious human rights abuses, Human Rights Watch has long called for an independent international investigation into abuses by all parties to the conflict. Thus far, the secretary-general's office has stated that Ban was "considering" establishing a committee of experts to "assist the government" of Sri Lanka to look at evidence that its soldiers committed war crimes last year.

"The various investigatory bodies set up by President Rajapaksa have spent more energy trying to deflect serious inquiries into abuses than actually conducting them," Adams said. "Ban and key governments should not fall for the same trick again and instead should call for an independent international investigation. The ball is now in Ban's court."

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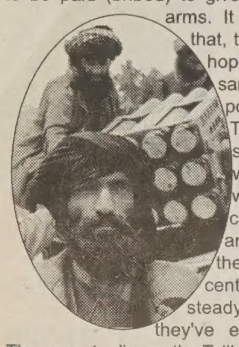
Buying out Tal--iban insurgents

Jan 27, 2010

Allied governments are preparing to put $100 million into a plan called the Reintegration and Reconciliation Program, aimed at lower- and medium-level Taliban fighters. According to this plan the Taliban fighters are expected to be paid (bribed) to give up their arms. It is learnt that, the NATO hopes thousands of impoverished Taliban insurgents will seize what could amount to the first decent pay and steady job they've ever had.



The move to disarm the Taliban, is just a start. If the bribe fund shows results, the main donors — the U.S., Britain and Japan —have indicated that up to $500 million could eventually flow towards providing new futures for deserting Taliban.

Girl rescued after 15 days in Haiti quake rubble

French rescuers have pulled a teenage girl out of the rubble of a school in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, 15 days after the earthquake devastated the city.

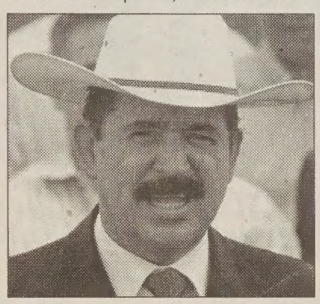
Darlene Etienne had just started studying at the school when the disaster struck.

The severely dehydrated girl with a weak pulse was rushed by rescuers to a French-run field hospital, before transferring her to a hospital ship moored off Haiti for treatment.

It is unusual for anyone to survive more than three days without water, but Etienne may have had access to some water from a bathroom in the collapsed building.

Manuel Zelaya granted safe passage

Honduran President Manuel Zelaya who was Ousted in a coup on June 28, was granted safe passage, Zelaya left his temporary home at the Brazilian Embassy in the capital, Tegucigalpa, and is en route to the Dominican Republic, local media reported Wednesday.



According to Dominican President Leonel Fernandez a deal reached last week with Honduran President-elect Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo granted Zelaya safe passage to the island nation, resolving a diplomatic impasse that kept him trapped in Honduras,. Zelaya was ousted in a June 28 coup and sent out of the country. Charges of treason and abuse of power were subsequently filed against him.

While Lobo called the deal, the first step toward re-engaging Honduras with the international community, which repudiated the coup,last week's agreement allowed Zelaya to leave the country as a guest, rather than under political asylum."This is an exit with dignity," Fernandez further said.

Obama to freeze spending from 2011

U.S President Barack Obama in his first State of the Union address Wednesday; accepted Americans were "hurting" and that his election pledge of change had not come quickly enough. He defended his bank bailout policy, saying it had saved many jobs, but said there

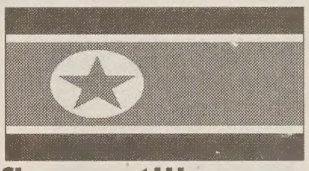
would be a freeze on spending from 2011 to tackle the budget deficit. While he also said he stood by his attempts to bring about healthcare reform,

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell gave the Republican response to Mr Obama's address, criticising the growth of federal government and saying it was "simply trying to do too much".

Staffan de Mistura, appointed UN's top envoy to Afghan

Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday appointed Staffan de Mistura, a Swedish diplomat who has been with the United Nations for nearly 40 years, to be his top envoy in Afghanistan. Mr. de Mistura will take over March 1 from Kai Eide, a Norwegian whose tenure included a public spat over electoral fraud with his deputy, Peter Galbraith, an American, that ended with Mr. Galbraith's being recalled. Mr. de Mistura, formerly Mr. Ban's chief envoy to Iraq, is currently the deputy executive director of the World Food Program.

North Korea



fires artillery towards disputed maritime border with South Korea

The North fired several rounds of artillery toward the border early on Thursday, Yonhap news agency reported.

According to an unnamed official quoted by the Associated Press, the shells landed in North Korean waters. The South had not responded, the official said. On Wednesday, it called the North's firing "provocative".

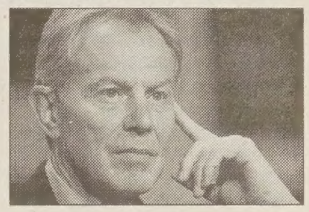
But the North said the firing had been part of an annual military drill which would continue.

Courtesy:BBC

WillTony Blair-face war crimes charges?

Former British prime minister Tony Blair makes a much-anticipated appearance before an inquiry into the Iraq War on Friday, his personal reputation as well as that of the Labour government at stake, a Reuters report said Thursday.

The decision to send 45,000 British troops to invade Iraq in 2003 was the most controversial of Blair's 10-year premiership, provoking huge



protests, divisions within his Labour Party and accusations he had deceived the public over his reasons for war the report further said.

Families of some of the 179 soldiers killed in Iraq are expected to join an anti-war demonstration calling for Blair to be considered a war criminal.

Reuters in its report further said, Some Labour leaders fear the inquiry, and especially Blair's appearance, will reignite strong feelings on the issue among voters, denting support for a party already trailing the Conservatives in polls in the run-up to an election due by June.

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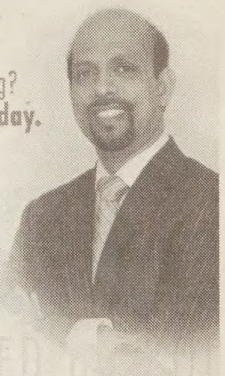

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Canadian News

TTC to raise customer service standards

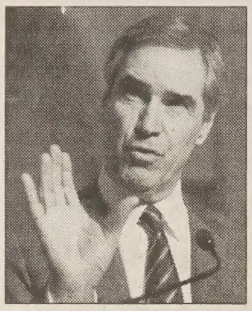
The TTC has announced a series of measures it says will raise the standard on customer service across the transit system. It also termed its recent crisis a "wake-up call"
The changes range from a rider "bill

of rights" and new technology to communicate better with passengers, to customer service training for staff and even a review of their uniforms.
The TTC chair Adam Giambrone was quoted as saying "There's a higher expectation today and the TTC needs to line up to that expectation,". He also rendered an apology for the "missteps of the last couple of months."
The TTC also outlined the following customer service improvements Wednesday

50 new fare vending machines to make sure there's alleviation from the monthly line-ups for passes across the system
Improved customer assistance and more emergency transfers when there are major subway delays.
Text messaging from all 800 streetcar stops by July to let riders know when the next couple of cars are expected to arrive Video screens at station entrances and collector booths with system status New microphones in the collector booths
A 24/7 customer assistance and complaints line
More TTC ambassadors at stations to help direct riders
An overhaul of customer service training and performance evaluations for all 13,000 TTC employees.

Liberals propose three prong plan

OTTAWA — Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff proposed a three-pronged plan to fight unemployment. Mr.Ignatieff while admitting it might increase the deficit argued jobs are the "key problem" that needs fixing first. The Liberals said their jobs plan is "targeted," carefully costed and should be adopted in the next



budget.
"We're not out of the woods yet. We're still in big trouble, this economy is still not creating jobs," Ignatieff said. "We think if you have to make tough choices, for heaven's sake invest in helping young Canadians back to work."
The Liberals'plan calls for: Cash advances to companies that want to buy new equipment under a program that currently lets them claim the allowance only later when they're profitable; financial incentives to companies that hire young people; and added tax incentives for investors in start-up companies in "emerging" sectors such as clean energy and life sciences.

BMO Bank of Montreal Lowers Mortgage Rates

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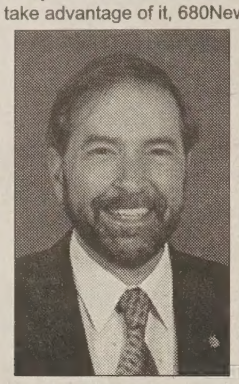
Special five-year fixed rate drops to 4.09 per cent
TORONTO, Jan. 28 BMO Bank of Montreal announced today it is decreasing its residential mortgage rates, effective January 29, 2010.

"With spring around the corner and as we head into one of the busiest periods for home buyers, it's important that our customers get the clarity they need to make the best financial decision," said Jane Yuen, Senior Manager for Mortgages, BMO Bank of Montreal. "Come into one of our branches or talk to a BMO mortgage specialist for the best advice and get pre-approved so you're ready."

"By supporting the housing market, lower mortgage rates are providing a solid counterweight to the strong Canadian dollar's adverse impact on the economy," said Sal Guatieri, Senior Economist, BMO Capital Markets.
Courtesy:CNW

Extend home renovation tax credit-Tom Mulcair

Tom Mulcair, Montreal Outremont MP and the NDP finance critic and he's calling on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to keep the tax credit going for another year because there are many Canadians who still want to take advantage of it, 680News reported Thursday.



"A lot of people weren't sure if they should undertake the renovation. Now that it's in place, we think it should be continued," he said, 680 news further said.

According to the news agency the MP was also asking for changes to be made to the program that would encourage renovations which enhance energy efficiency.

King street W. shuts down due to falling glass from Royal Trust Tower.

King Street West between Bay and York streets was shut down after several large panes of glass fell off a building Thursday. The glass panes of the Royal Trust Tower on King Street West, near Bay Street, broke due a piece of wood carried in the wind from First Canadian Place smashed three windows of the tower.

According to Police no one was injured, from the glass falling 27stories down but the area was closed for several hours due to safety concerns.

680News launc--hes local news Apple iPhone application

TORONTO, Jan. 27
Rogers Media announced today that it has launched an Apple iPhone application for 680News, its highly popular, Toronto-based, 24-hour live radio station.

The 680News Apple iPhone app will be available exclusively to Rogers Wireless and Fido customers with up to-the-minute news stories, traffic and weather information, along with live streaming, live traffic cams, and on-demand weather and traffic updates.

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FEATURE

Unilateral Declaration of Independence

An Over view

By :Raymond Rajabalan

With the introduction of a recent terminology, Transnational Government (TNG), a sizeable segment of the Diaspora Tamils already familiar with the terms such as Government in Exile (GE)and Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) are somewhat perplexed as to the significance of TNG and the possibility of TNG ever leading to at least some form of independence for the Tamils in Sri Lanka.

IIn this context, this article is an attempt to provide an overview of how most nations of the globe evolved under a variety of circumstances. In many instances what was once thought of as just a day dream, later became a reality resulting on the creation of a new nations. Not all dreams of course can become a reality but that does not prevent oppressed communities around the world hoping for freedom and justice.

The fact however remains that most countries in the world evolved as a result of UDI and this article is an attempt to provide a general over view of UDI.

A declaration of independence is a proclamation of the independence of a newly formed or reformed country from part or the whole of the territory of another or a document containing such a declaration. Declarations of independence are generally made by one side without the consent of the previous government, and hence are often called unilateral declaration of independence or UDI.

In international law, unilateral declarations of independence are generally frowned upon, since preservation of territory is one of the few things that the countries of the world universally agree on. Declaring independence or supporting such a declaration is seen as a hostile act that may easily lead to war or accelerate an already ongoing civil war.

Many states across the globe have come into being through an act of UDI. The legality of a UDI is often the subject of debate and unsurprisingly the previous government typically asserts that a UDI is illegal. Often, international bodies and other countries decline at first to accept the legitimacy of the declared state and its government. If the declared state becomes a functioning entity, it may gain diplomatic recognition over time and a form of backdated legitimacy. Not all such declarations result in actual states and those governments that do result from UDIs do not always survive and are often rivaled by the previous government.

A significant number of unilaterally declared governments collapse or otherwise give way, with control returning to the previous government or shifting to a new follow-on government.
Examples of some UDIs throughout the world

•Scotland
The first known formal declaration of independence was the Declaration of Arbroath in which Scottish leaders declared Scotland's independence from England on behalf of the Scottish people in 1320.

In 1320 Scotland declared UDI in order to protect itself from the unjust rule of King Edward. Following this, talks were held between Britain and Scotland with the pope acting as the facilitator. After many rounds of talks for the next few years, Britain dropped its territorial claims and the UDI was accepted by King Edward III in 1328.

•Declaration of Independence by Latin American countries

In early 1980s, French Revolution and American Revolution planted the seeds for ideas of liberation among Latin American nations. French troops that invaded Spanish territory formed a military government and called upon the Latin American nations that were part of the Spanish colonies to join it.

The call by the French evoked mixed response from the various colonies

1811-Rejecting this call from French military Paraguay declared UDI
This was the fore runner for many such declaration of UDI
1816-Argentina proclaimed independence on 1816 July 09.However this was accepted by Britain only in 1825
1822- Brazil declared UDI followed by, Bolivia (1825)
1828 - Following the Argentina – Brazil war, it was Uruguay's turn to declare Independence

• Emergence of USA & Declaration of Independence by Central American countries

The United States Declaration of Independence was made by 13 of Britain's American colonies on July 04 1776. In 1778, the Treaty of Alliance and the Treaty of Amity and Commerce were signed by the United States and France signaling the first official recognition of the new country. The Kingdom of Great Britain formally recognized the new country following the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

After the emergence of USA, a coalition of Central American countries named Federal Republic of Central America was formed in 1823 consisting of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua

Nicaragua 's membership in the newly formed Federal Republic of Central America, free of Spanish rule, was short lived; in 1838, long after the Central American Federation ceased to function in practice, Nicaragua formally withdrew and proclaimed itself sovereign followed shortly by Honduras and Costa Rica. This series of events led to the unraveling of the coalition of Central American nations and El Salvador declared independence in Feb.1941
Since then globally many other nations too began their quest for Independence with varying degree of success

•Estonia
The indigenous people of Estonia had for a long time lost their right for self determination to the various super powers that alternatively invaded their land .Estonia was under the rule of Russia in early 20th century. In 1917 there was the Russian revolution and German forces were able to defeat the Russian army. In 1918 Estonian Declaration of Independence was issued, to be followed by the Estonian War of Independence (1918–1920), which resulted in the Tartu Peace Treaty recognizing Estonian independence in perpetuity. During World War II, Estonia was occupied and annexed first by the Soviet Union and subsequently by the Third Reich, only to be re-occupied by the Soviet Union in 1944.Estonia regained its independence on 20 August 1991.

•Finland
Following the Russian Revolution, Finland followed the path of Estonia and on Nov.05, 1917 the parliament of inland declared UDI, which was accepted by Soviet regime, Germany and Scandinavian countries on Dec.22

•Guinea –Busisseau
This country which was a Portuguese colony served as slave trade of Portuguese. An armed rebellion beginning in 1956 by the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) under the leadership of Amílcar Cabral gradually consolidated its hold on then Portuguese Guinea. Unlike guerrilla movements in other Portuguese colonies, the PAIGC rapidly extended its military control over large portions of the territory, aided by the jungle-like terrain, its easily reached borderlines with neighbouring allies and large quantities of arms from Cuba, China, the Soviet Union, and left-leaning African countries.

Cuba also agreed to supply artillery experts, doctors and technicians. The PAIGC even managed to acquire a significant anti-aircraft capability in order to defend itself against aerial attack. By 1973, the PAIGC was in control of many parts of Guinea.
Independence was unilaterally declared on September 24, 1973.

Recognition became universal following the April 25, 1974 socialist-inspired military coup in Portugal which overthrew Lisbon's Estado Novo regime.

• **Haiti**
This French colony declared its independence on 1804 January 01.It was the only nation born out of slave revolt. However there was a long succession of coups. National authority was disputed by factions of the army, the elite class and the growing commercial class, now made up of numerous immigrants: Germans, Americans, French and English.
US troops invaded this island nation and ruled it between 1915 and 1934 and there after Haiti once again became an independent country

•Indonesia declared independence from the Netherlands on August 17, 1945, which was soon recognized by the United States and Australia, but not by the Netherlands until 1949.

•The Irish Republic was declared by Dáil Éireann in 1919; it never received international recognition, was rivaled by the administration of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland during the Anglo-Irish War, and was ultimately superseded by the Irish Free State.

•Korea.
During the time when Korea was under the rule of Japan, Korean nationalism was subjected to oppression .In 1919 March 33 nationalistic leaders declared UDI but this movement was crushed by Japanese rulers.

In 1945, the Soviet Union and the United States agreed on the surrender and disarming of Japanese troops in Korea; the Soviet Union accepting the surrender of Japanese weaponry north of the 38th parallel and the United States taking the surrender south of it. This minor decision by allied armies soon became the basis for the division of Korea by the two superpowers, exacerbated by their inability to agree on the terms of Korean independence.
The two Cold War rivals then established governments sympathetic to their own ideologies, leading to Korea's current division into two political entities: North Korea and South Korea since 1948

•Lithuania
Even while being occupied by German forces, Lithuania was bold enough to declare UDI and implemented democratic rule. Soon after it was annexed with USSR, when Russia broke up in early 1990's, Lithuania was the first to declare UDI and became an independent country on March.11, 1990

•Philippines –a country which waged Guerilla warfare after declaring Independence
Philippines which revolted against aggression by Spain, declared UDI on June.12, 1898 but America and Spain which had invaded the country refused to accept this declaration. However elections were held in 1898 between June 23 and September 10 and Emilio Aguinaldo, the leader of Philippine Revolution was elected as the First President and declared Philippine Independence from Spain.

The declaration, however, was not recognized by the United States or Spain. The Spanish government later ceded the Philippines to the United States in the 1898 Treaty of Paris that ended the Spanish-American War.
In 1989 war broke out between USA and Republic of Philippines and in 1901 Aquinaldo was captured by US troops due to information provided by some traitors. As a result Aquinaldo announced that he will hand over all weapons to US forces. However n the war for liberation of Philippines continued

Finally, the United States recognized Philippine independence on July 4, 1946 in the Treaty of Manila. July 4 was observed in the Philippines as Independence Day until August 4, 1964 when, upon the advice of historians and the urging of nationalists, President Diosdado Macapagal signed into law Republic Act No. 4166 designating June 12 as the country's Independence Day.

•Formation of Vietnam after the establishment of United Nations

In 1887, a federation named French Indo China composed of present day Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos was created in South East Asia .During World War11, France agreed to the demands for military access by Japan to use Tonkin area in the northern most part of Vietnam. Since than Japan invaded the entire French Indo China and ruled the area until Japan was subjected to atomic bombing in 1945 August.

Meanwhile Vietnamese Communist revolutionary Ho Chi Minh declared Declaration of Independence for Vietnam. As a result violent clashes erupted between French troops and Vietnamese freedom fighters. On 1946 March Vietnam was approved as an independent unit of French Indo china and this was done to make the Chinese troops leave Vietnam. his led to clashes with Chinese army and Ho Chi Minh who fled the country once again declared the independence of Vietnam in 1950.He met Mao in China and Stalin in Russia after which both countries accepted the independence of Vietnam.

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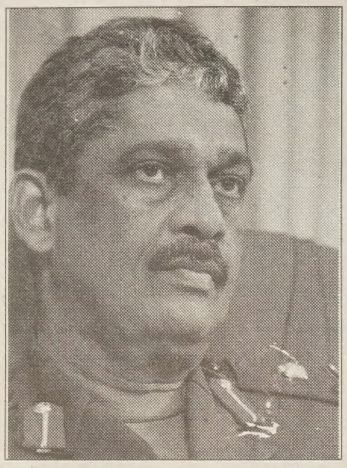
Fonseka considering political asylum

Former Sri Lankan army chief Sarath Fonseka is considering seeking temporary asylum in Australia after his election defeat this week in the presidential polls, a media report said on Friday.



In an interview with The Australian at his home in Colombo, the former Sri Lankan army chief turned presidential challenger said he was planning to speak to the Australian high commissioner about the possibility of temporary asylum.

He said he had also spoken to the US and British embassies in Sri Lanka in this regard.

But the man credited with winning the war against the rebel Tamil Tigers last May - along with his former commander-in-chief, President Mahinda Rajapaksa, revealed he was being prevented from leaving the country.

In the wake of Tuesday's polls - in which Rajapaksa won a second six-year presidential term this week by a large margin of 1.8 million votes - he accused the government of rigging the election and abusing state resources.

He has also accused it of orchestrating his assassination by withdrawing his security detail, and hinted he would seek temporary political asylum in another country.

When asked whether he had considered Australia as an option, he replied: "It's a good place to go. I have not spoken to the Australian embassy yet; they may give me a visa but (the government) won't allow me to leave."

He also confirmed he had spoken to staff at the US and British embassies in Sri Lanka. "There's no charge, no case filed against me (but) they said I can't leave the country.

"In this country, the president interferes with the judiciary, interferes with law and order."

General Fonseka looked relaxed despite the drama of the previous day in which he accused the military of putting him under house arrest in an upscale Colombo hotel, the newspaper said on its website.

He said he intended to contest Sri Lanka's parliamentary elections in April - potentially as leader of a new political party - in what could be tacit acceptance that his bid to have this week's elections annulled has little chance of success.

Many analysts on Thursday predicted the size of the president's victory would prove decisive in upcoming parliamentary elections and cement his hold on power.

But General Fonseka told The Australian: "There's been computer manipulation from the accounting centre to the electoral commission.

"We have a lot of evidence so we're going to file a Supreme Court case; after that we will try to get the results declared null and void and go for a recount."

Sri Lanka

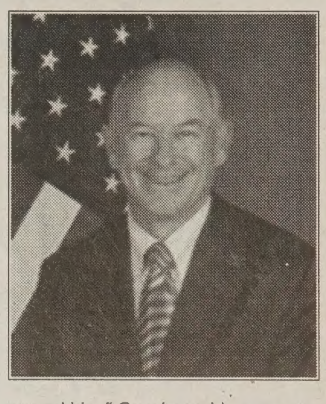
On Thursday, a victorious Rajapaksa vowed to put tensions with Western critics behind him and transform his war-ravaged nation into a development and tourism hub after his landslide win in Sri Lanka's first post-conflict presidential election.

But he warned Western nations against pushing for an international inquiry into alleged war crimes committed by both sides in the last months of the civil war with the separatist Tamil Tigers. "The overwhelming mandate given in this election has given the answer to these critics," he said in a statement Thursday.

U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka reaches out to General Fonseka, concerned over his safety

The United States has reached out to the presidential candidate General Sarath Fonseka and will remain in contact with him to clarify what his future intentions are and to be helpful if that is appropriate, a U.S. official revealed today.

In response to queries on General Fonseka's safety, U.S. State Department spokesman Secretary of State, Philip Crowley at the daily press briefing on Thursday said the U.S. has Embassy in Colombo had contacted him in response to the concerns expressed by the General. "We are watching carefully and we have been in touch with General Fonseka regarding the security



around him," Crowley said.

Noting that the Sri Lankan Election Commissioner has certified the election results and declared President Mahinda Rajapaksa as the winner, the Assistant Secretary said the "President now has an opportunity to continue to move forward with the political reconciliation process that he has started, the devolution of responsibility to the provinces, and to continue to work on full accountability of the – of what happened at the – as the conflict with the Tamil Tigers was finalized."

Secretary Crowley welcomed the steps President has taken towards political reconciliation process and noted that the election itself was a step forward.

"So with this election comes an opportunity to continue to work to heal the breach that exists within Sri Lankan society. So with his election comes increased responsibility and we'll continue to work with him on that," the Assistant Secretary said. .

Youth killed, dumped in well in Ki'linochchi

Ki'linochchi police recovered the body of a youth, hand and legs bound behind, tied to a stone and dumped into a well in Aanantha-pu'ram in Ki,'linochchi where some people have been permitted to resettle, sources in Ki'linochchi said.

The youth, staying with his parents in one of the camps in Vavuniya, had gone to his brother's place in Aananthapu'ram Sunday and had been reported missing since then to Ki'linochchi police reported TamilNet

According to TamilNet,the victim was identified as Velupillai Sasiroopan, 29.

As only a few persons have been permitted to resettle in Aananthapu'ram they live scattered and some of them being aware of an offensive odour emanating from a well had first found the victim's body and informed the police.

It is suspected that the youth may have been abducted and killed before his body being dumped into the well.

Vavuniyaa magistrate S. Alex Raja visited the place where the body was found and conducted the inquest into the death.

He directed the police to submit a report and ordered the body to be handed over to his parents in Vavuniyaa camp.

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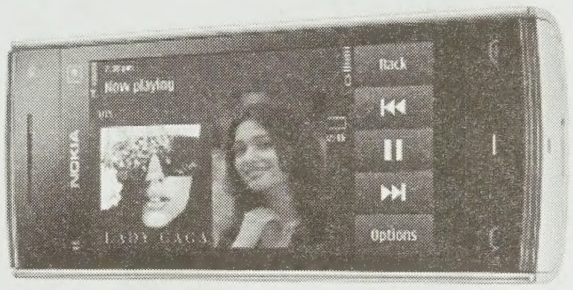

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